

Senate Resolution 924

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Heath of the 31st, Chance of the 16th and Carter of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Crisis Intervention Team; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, mental illness is a serious medical condition that affects children, adolescents,
3 adults, and the elderly; and

4 WHEREAS, in response to the need for Georgia's law enforcement officers to better
5 understand and deal with issues arising from persons with mental illness, the Georgia Crisis
6 Intervention Team (CIT) program was developed in 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, the CIT program trains law enforcement officers to effectively and humanely
8 handle children and adults in psychiatric crisis and to seek community services for them in
9 lieu of incarceration when appropriate; and

10 WHEREAS, the CIT program is recognized by the mental health community as one of the
11 finest law enforcement training programs in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has collaborated with the
13 Crisis Intervention Team advisory board to ensure that Georgia law enforcement officers are
14 provided with skills necessary to interact with persons in psychiatric crisis and to de-escalate
15 volatile situations; and

16 WHEREAS, over 2,000 law enforcement officers from 150 law enforcement agencies in
17 Georgia have received CIT training since 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, the Crisis Intervention Team advisory board is composed of the following
19 governmental agencies, private organizations, and businesses: Atlanta Alliance on
20 Developmental Disabilities; Atlanta Police Department; Clayton County Community Service
21 Board; Clinic for the Education, Treatment and Prevention of Addiction; Consumer
22 Representative; DeKalb County Magistrate Court Judge; Georgia Department of Human

1 Resources - Department of Family and Children Services; Georgia Department of Human
2 Resources - Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases; Emory
3 University School of Medicine; Freeman, Mathis & Gary, LLP; Georgia Association of
4 Chiefs of Police; Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Georgia Department of Corrections;
5 Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; Georgia-Pacific Corporation; Georgia Public Safety
6 Training Center; Georgia Sheriffs' Association; Georgia State Patrol; Grady Memorial
7 Hospital; Integrated Health Resources/Behavioral Health Link; King & Spalding LLP;
8 National Alliance on Mental Illness - Georgia; Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles;
9 The Association County Commissioners of Georgia; and the Carter Center.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 join in recognizing and commending the outstanding leadership of the Georgia Crisis
12 Intervention Team and its outstanding work in the area of mental illness and wish CIT
13 continued success in the future.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
15 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the advisory board of the Georgia Crisis
16 Intervention Team.